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MINUTES

*Tombigbee Baptist
Association*

*Held With Salem Church, Itawamba County,
Mississippi, October 18-21,*

1902.

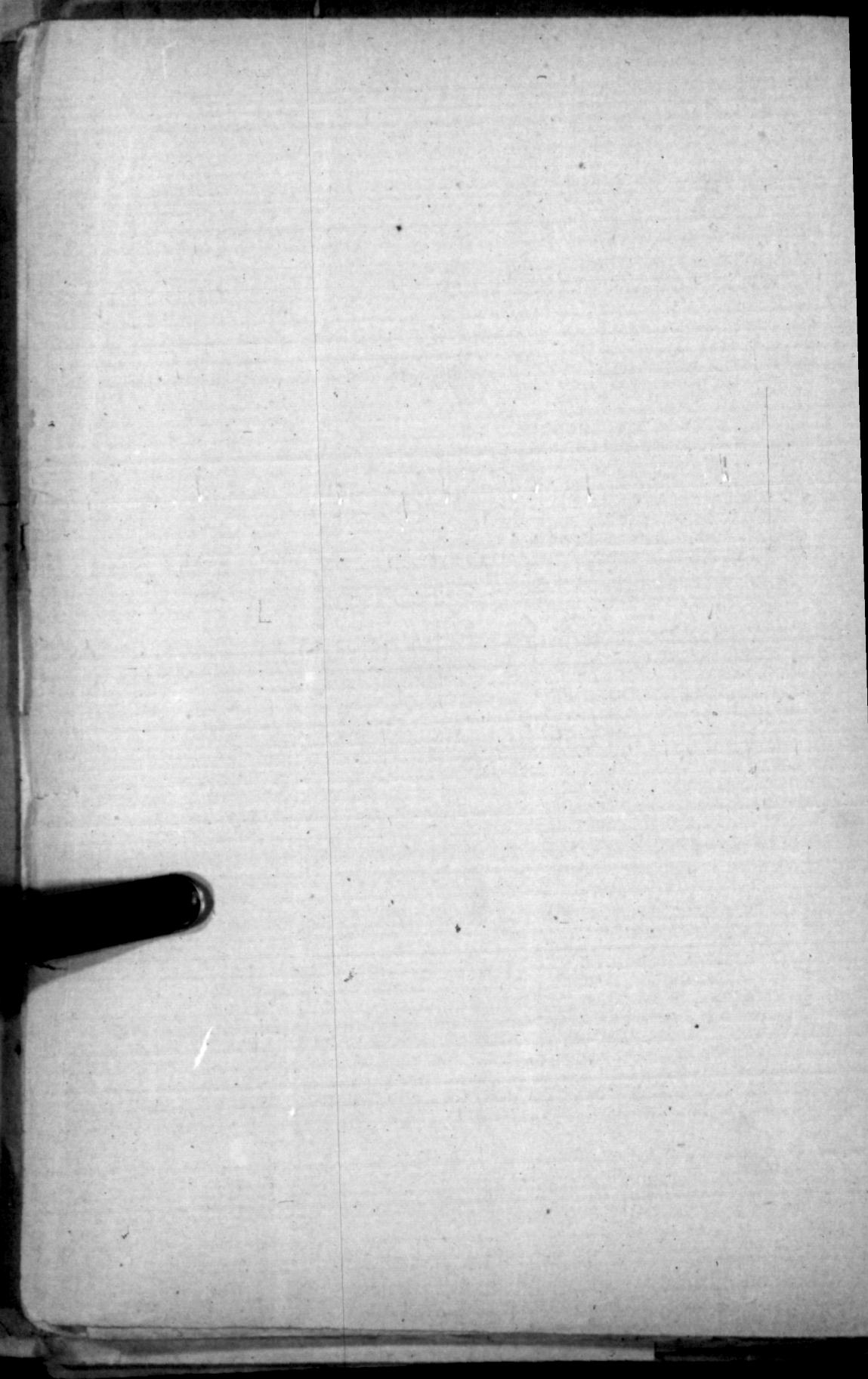
NEXT MEETING

*Fairview Church, On Saturday Before the
Third Sunday in October,*

1903.

Wm. M. CHAFFIN, Moderator, - - - Yale, Mississippi.

F. M. BLUNT, Clerk and Treasurer, - Highland, Mississippi.



PROCEEDINGS.

THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE TOMBIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MET AT SALEM CHURCH, AQUILLA, ITAWAMBA COUNTY, MISS., ON SATURDAY, OCT. 18, 1902.

Introductory sermon was delivered by Eld. J. E. Anthony, Romans 10: 1-4. After an intermission of one hour for refreshments the association was called together, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung, fifth chapter Second Corinthians was read by the moderator, prayer by Eld. J. T. Robinson. Profs. J. T. Holley and C. A. Gilbert were appointed reading clerks, and G. W. Davis, J. R. Bickerstaff and G. J. Senter finance committee. Letters from the churches read and delegates enrolled.

Bethany—J. T. Benson, R. C. Burns, W. F. Lessenberry, F. M. Green, L. A. Ginn. Union Grove—N. T. Clayton, W. F. Gregory, R. B. K. McFadden, W. F. McNeece. Mt. Pisgah—W. D. Bookout, O. B. Cowden, J. Y. Bowen. Red Bud—M. B. Waddle, M. L. Parker, R. L. Williams. Antioch—A. R. Kent, W. A. Butler, J. S. Henley, Wm. Kent. Mt. Moriah—T. J. Doster, James Cook, F. Raper. Prospect—J. C. Long, N. A. Jackson, S. D. Smith, C. M. Long. Mt. Pleasant—C. B. Graham, G. J. Senter, W. H. Rouse, A. L. Wilmot. Union—W. M. Tolan. Hopewell—J. A. Conwill, G. W. Davis, J. B. Fowler, J. C. Rodgers. Jackson Camp—P. M. B. Reynolds, M. C. Hill, Sr. Ebenezer—W. E. Gilbert, O L Phillips, C C Shook. Highland—J R Bickerstaff, W C Dubois, J M F Neal. Pleasant Grove—J K P Scott, J T Harmon, D A Mattox. M P Steel. Salem—G W Huston, W O Waddle, H S Williams, C S Beam. New Home—G W Guntharp, F M Carpenter, W J Burch, R V Wheeler. Providence—J M Weaver, S M Davis, Rob't Grimes, J J Underwood. Liberty Grove—Not represented. Harmony—W P Taylor, N B Castleberry, Walter Lindsey. Fairview—C M Graham, W H Barkley, W A Graham, E L Martin. Bethel—W H Hamilton, J M Harris, P Yarbor, M D Cranford.

On motion went into election of moderator and clerk; C A Gilbert and W H Rouse appointed tellers; former moderator, Wm M Chaffin, and clerk, F M Blunt, re-elected.

Call for petitionary letters—One from Mt Zion church and the messengers enrolled, J H Powell, E D Mansell, J H Dosier.

On motion former plan of arrangements adopted. Devotional

committee appointed: J T Dulaney, J K P Scott, W H Rouse, with deacons Salem church. On motion, the moderator to appoint committees in recess of the body.

Committee on devotion reported that Eld J F Benson preach at 11 o'clock on Sunday, N T Clayton to follow. On motion adjourned to 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Eld J F Benson preached at 11 o'clock Sunday, followed by Eld N T Clayton; after which a public collection was taken up for associational missions by Bros J S Stockton and J T Dulaney; \$13 25 was the result.

The following appointments on the committees was read by the moderator: Foreign Missions, W H Rouse, J M F Neal, J A Conwill; Home Missions, J E Anthony, R B K McFadden, G W Davis; State Missions, J F Benson, T F Hankins, J K P Scott; Associational Missions, J S Stockton, C C Shook, O L Phillips; Baptist Literature, W W Gilbert, J C Long, R T Senter; Ministerial Education, J T Robinson, J M Weaver, J T Doster; Temperance, N T Clayton, J H Powell, G W Guntharp; Sunday Schools, J M F Neal, J R Bickerstaff, M C Hill; Documents, O L Phillips, C C Shook, G W Davis; Obituaries, J R Bickerstaff, G J Senter, J T Dulaney; Nominations, F K Hankins, W H Hamilton, R B K McFadden; Orphans Home, J S Stockton, H Anderson, G W Houston.

The association met Monday morning; after praise, prayer was led by Eld J S Stockton.

Call for detained letters. One received from Bethlehem. Messengers W D Page, M C Hill.

Call for petitionary letters. One from Sulphur Springs. Messengers Wm Davis, James Davis, G Y Bowen. The church was received and right hand of fellowship given by the moderator.

Correspondence.—Any member of this body carrying minutes of this meeting will be considered our corresponding messengers.

Southern Baptist Convention.—J F Benson with J S Stockton alternate was appointed to Southern Baptist Convention.

Mississippi Baptist Convention.—Elds N T Clayton and J E Anthony delegates.

Call for reports of committees.

On motion all the reports on missions were read and discussed jointly.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows:

This is a question of great magnitude, and calls for our aid and assistance in every way. Not only our aid financially, but our sympathy for our missionaries both male and female in foreign lands. We have many calls from Mexico, Brazil, China and other foreign lands. Let us take courage and invade those unoccupied fields for the Master. Let us contribute of our substance to further on the great commission "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," and "Lo I am with you" saith the Master. Take courage brethren and move on conquering and to conquer through Him who loved us and gave himself to us until the victory is gained.

W. H. ROUSE, Chairman.

J. M. F. Neal.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions make the following report: The home mission field at present embraces the Southern States, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba. From other reports we learn that there has been 1674 missionaries employed during the year, who have baptised 8,150. \$100,000 has been contributed to this work. We find that Mississippi has given \$2,350 to this mission.

Brethren it is our indispensable duty to preach the gospel of Christ to every nation, and especially to those of our home. Let us remember those who are laborers in this field. Moreover that the Lord loves a cheerful giver, and let us pray the Lord of the harvest that He will send more laborers into this work.

Submitted,
J. E. ANTHONY, Chairman.

R. B. McFadden.
G. W. Davis.

STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, submit the following report:

We believe the gospel should be preached to every creature,

and as our state convention is trying to supply the destitute of our state, we recommend that this association co-operate with them in the good work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. BENSON, Chairman.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We, your committee on associational mission work this year, are highly pleased, and would recommend that we continue our associational work with redoubled efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S STOCKTON, Chairman.

O. L. Phillips.

C. C. Shook.

The subject of missions was spoken to by J S Stockton, N T Clayton, J E Anthony, J F Benson. The following resolution at this time was offered and adopted and the following amounts paid as individual gifts:

RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved that each church in this association be requested to give at least one dollar for missions in Mexico during the next year, Bro. J. G. Chastain beneficiary.

Submitted,

J. S. STOCKTON.

AMOUNT PAID MEXICAN MISSIONS.

M C Hill	\$ 50
J C Long	50
J E Anthony.....	25
R B McFadden	10
N T Clayton.....	10
G W Guntharp	10
W D Page	15
Salem Church	50
Jackson Camp.....	1 00
Total.....	\$4 20

On motion adjourned for preaching at 11 o'clock, to meet after refreshments.

Eld J S Stockton preached at 11 o'clock; Acts 16th chapter.
Met at 3 o'clock. Devotional committee reported W H Hamilton to preach at night, followed by W D Page.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We, your committee on orphan's home, are glad that our heavenly father has put it in the hearts of our Baptist brethren to formulate and establish such an institution, and we can in Christ's name recommend to you its support. We now have in the home 64 children, and many more are making application. Brethren let us do all in our power to help them. Submitted,

J. S. STOCKTON, Chm.

Spoken to by J F Benson and adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on education report the following: Believing that a thorough training in the language is essential to the best results in preaching the gospel, and as we have young ministers who have not had the advantages of an education, we recommend that this association help them to procure the same.

Respectfully submitted, J. F. BENSON, Chairman.

Report discussed by Bros. Benson, Clayton and Robinson and adopted.

On motion adjourned to 8:30 Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Met at 8:30, sung "When I can read my titles clear," prayer by J F Benson. Reports continued :

DOCUMENTS.

We have gathered from the letters from the churches to the association that some of our churches have had gracious revivals. We find that we have increased by baptism 120, by letter and restoration 40. But few churches report any Sabbath schools. Brethren we should awake to the cause of Sabbath schools. We find that Fairview, New Home and Union Grove churches petition for the next meeting of the association. The union meeting of the first district will be held with Mt. Pisgah church, Friday before first Sunday in August, 1903, Eld J T Robinson to preach introductory, Eld N T Clayton alternate. The union of the second district will be held with Jackson Camp church Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1903, Eld W J Clingan to preach introductory, Eld C A Gilbert alternate.

Submitted, O. T. Phillips, C. C. Shook, G. W. Davis.

BAPTIST LITERATURE.

We, your committee on Baptist literature, recommend the following as sound literature: The periodicals published by the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa., the Southern Baptist Literature, published at Nashville, Tenn., American Baptist Flag, Fulton, Ky., Mississippi Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss., and the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va. We heartily recommend that this association employ a regular colporteur to scatter sound Baptist literature throughout our association.

W. W. GILBERT, Chairman.
J. C. Long, R. T. Senter.

Discussed. Adopted.

DESTITUTION.

We find many points destitute of Baptist preaching in the bounds of our association.

Submitted and adopted.

On motion a subscription was taken up to supply destitute places in association during year 1903 with preaching.

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Highland	\$5 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	5 00
Ebenezer.....	2 50
Union.....	1 00
Union Grove.....	2 50
Mt. Zion	2 50
Mt. Moriah.....	1 00

Total, \$19 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

J E Anthony	\$1 00
J F Benson.....	2 00
J S Stockton.....	1 00
J M Weaver.....	1 00
R B McFadden.....	1 00
W D Page	1 00
S M Davis.....	1 00
G W Guntharp.....	1 00
J T Robinson.....	1 00
W H Hamilton.....	1 00

T F Hankins.....	1 00
J H Powell.....	1 00
N T Clayton.....	1 00
T J Doster.....	1 00
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	Total, \$15 00

TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on temperance, submit the following report: We believe that intemperance is the matchless evil and would recommend temperance in all things, and in the use of alchoholic beverages total abstainance.

N. T. CLAYTON, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Bros J F Benson, J S Stockton, J T Robinson, J E Anthony, W E Gilbert, W W Gilbert.

Adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, make the following report: Since we realize the teaching of Sunday schools to be of vital importance and a practical help in the matter of teaching the scripture, we urge the pastors of each church to impress upon the professed christians the study of the bible and to take a personal interest in the Sunday schools of their respective churches.

Submitted.

J. M. F. NEAL, Chairman.

J. R. Bickerstaff, M. C. Hill.

Adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, find three churches asking for the next meeting of the association, viz: New Home, Union Grove and Fairview. We therefore place the above named churches in nomination. Eld J T Robinson introductory preacher, Eld W H Hamilton alternate; Eld J S Stockton to preach the missionary sermon, Eld J F Benson alternate.

Submitted.

J. F. HANKINS, Chairman.

Vote taken for place of holding next meeting of association which resulted in a tie between Fairview and New Home. The chair cast the vote for Fairview.

OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on obituaries, report as follows: That in the providence of God the following brothers and sisters have left us during the associational year and gone to reap their reward in a bright beyond:

New Home—W M Shamlee, age 64 years, D N Ford, age 65 years.

Salem—J E Johnson, age 59 years.

Highland—Sister Jane Gardner, age 79 years.

Ebenezer—Eld R M Perry, age 66 years; Sister Ellen Selby, age 55 years.

Red Bud—F M Bennett.

Prospect—Sister A V McCutchens.

Mt. Pleasant—W M Tucker, age 40 years; Miss M A Senter, age 68 years.

Mt. Pisgah—B G Moore.

Bethany—Sister E D Chaffin, age 84 years.

Mt. Moriah—Hyram Sanders, age 82 years.

Providence—R Alverson, age 58 years; Sister Menter Moxley, died 1901.

Brethren! we loved them and we miss them, but we trust that our parting will be but for a short time, then we will meet in that association that will last throughout the ceaseless ages of a never ending eternity. Submitted,

J. R. BICKERSTAFF, Chairman.
G. W. Senter, J. T. Dulaney.

Adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

Your finance committee reports that we have received the amounts found in table below, from the churches:

For Printing Minutes.....	\$20.41
For Associational Missions.....	13.45
For Home Missions.....	1.40
For Orphan's Home.....	8.52
For State Missions.....	1.00
For Mexican Missions.....	3.15
Total receipts.....	\$47.93

J. R. Bickerstaff, }
George Senter, } Com.
George Davis, }

On motion the clerk was allowed \$10.00 for his services.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts 1901.

Minute Fund	\$18 55
State Missions.....	50
Home Missions.....	75
Foreign Missions.....	3 05
Associational Missions	11 45
Orphan's Home.....	1 30
Monumental Fund.....	45
Total receipts	36 05

Disbursed.

Printing and distributing minutes.....	\$14 00
Clerk's Fee.....	4 55
State Missions.....	50
Home Missions.....	75
Foreign Missions.....	3 05
Orphan's Home.....	1 30
Monumental Fund.....	45
Total,	\$24 60
	\$36 05

Associational Missions on hand, - -	\$11 45
Associational Missions on hand 1900, - -	25 00
From Second District Union, - -	3 20
From Fairview Church, B. M., - -	1 00

On hand October 18, 1902, \$40 65

1902 Receipts During Session.

Individual Pledges, - - -	\$18 00
Public Collection Sunday, - -	13 25
Total,	\$31 25
Brought down, - - - -	40 65
Grand Total,	\$71 90

Disbursed During Session 1902 For Associational Mission Work.

J F Benson.....	\$40 00
J S Stockton.....	15 00
Total,	\$55 00
	\$71 90

On hand, \$16.90.

F. M. BLUNT, Treasurer.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved by the delegates of this association that we now return our thanks to the brethren, sisters and friends of the Salem church community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them, and we assure them that we will never forget the many favors shown us by them during our pleasant stay with them.

Submitted by

J. M. WEAVER.

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES PAID.

Made in 1901.

J E Anthony.....	\$1 00
T F Hankins.....	1 00
J F Benson.....	2 00
J T Dulaney.....	1 00
J T Robinson.....	1 00
G J Senter	1 00
C B Graham.....	1 00
J S Stockton.....	2 00
J H Powell.....	2 00
J M Weaver.....	2 00
E L Cain.....	1 00
G W Davis.....	1 00
J K P Scott.....	1 00
R B McFadden.....	1 00
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Total.....	\$18 00

On motion the moderator appointed Eld J S Stockton chairman of the mission board for the ensuing year. The board meeting to be on Saturday before the first Sunday in December, 1902.

On motion adjourned to meet at Fairview church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1903.

F. M. BLUNT,
CLERK.

Wm. M. CHAFFIN,
MODERATOR.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES,	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	BOARD MEMBERS.	FIRST DISTRICT.		BOARD MEMBERS AND CLERKS? POST OFFICE.	SECOND DISTRICT.
Bethany	J. F. Benson,	Wm. M. Chaffin,	Yale, Mississippi,	1	2	3	
Mt. Pleasant	J. T. Robinson,	J. T. Dunlavy,	Eaburnville,	3	7	1	
Fairview	J. S. Stockton,	Joe Vinson,	Ingraham,	1	11	4	
New Home	C. M. Graham,	.....	Clay,	2	13	5	
Union Grove	R. V. Wheeler,	.....	Tilden,	2	5	2	
Mt. Pisgah	J. L. Farrar,	.....	Otis,	1	1	1	
Hopewell	N. Y. Bowen,	G. W. Davis,	Eastman,	3	1	2	
Antioch	G. W. Davis,	.....	Hodges,	2	3	1	
Pleasant Grove	Wm. Mayhall,	— Kennedy,	Morganstown,	1	2	1	
Mt. Moriah	D. A. Mattox,	—	Turon,	9	55	.22	
Sulphur Springs	T. J. Doster,	.....	Fulton,	1	2	1	
Mt. Zion	G. Y. Bowen,	.....	N. B. Castleberry,	2	1	15	
Harmony	W. H. Hamilton,	W. P. Taylor,	Elfin,	20	5	1	
Providence	.....	.....	.....	20	5	53	
Liberty Grove	.....	.....	.....	20	5	1.60	
				20	5	.50	
				20	5	.75	
				20	5	1.00	
Red Bud	J. M. Harrison	R. L. Williams	M. B. Wade				
Ebenezer	J. S. Stockton	C. O. Shook	W. O. Stockton	2	12	8	Emma, Miss.
Salem	J. S. Stockton	C. S. Bean	J. T. Johnson	4	5	1	Belmont,
Jackson Camp	J. M. Harrison	W. S. Stephens	Aquilla,	2	2	1	
Prospect	L. M. Taylor	C. M. Long	Pardue,	2	1	1	
Bethel	J. M. Harrison	C. H. Crawford	Mann,	1	4	1	
Highland	J. S. Stockton	J. R. Bickerstaff	Belmont,	3	1	3	
Bethlehem	J. M. Harrison	J. F. Page	Highland,	3	1	1	
Union	W. J. Clingan	J. M. Cain	Crippleddeer,	3	2	1	
			Dennis,	3	1	1	
				30	50	34	
				30	50	40	
				30	50	27	
				30	50	1.00	
				50	50	40	
				50	50	50	
				50	50	6.50	
				50	50	35.00	
				50	50	1.00	
				50	50	40.00	
				50	50	2.50	
				50	50	5.00	

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. F. Benson,.....Yale, Mississippi.
J. T. Robinson,.....Raburnville, Mississippi.
J. S. Stockton,.....Belmont, Mississippi.
W. W. Gilbert,.....Belmont, Mississippi.
C. A. Gilbert,.....Belmont, Mississippi.
A. F. Cole,.....Coke, Mississippi.
N. T. Clayton,.....Tilden, Mississippi.
W. D. Bookout,.....Clay, Mississippi.
J. E. Anthony.....Clay, Mississippi.
Joe Farris,.....Emma, Mississippi.
J. M. Harrison,.....Dennis, Mississippi.
W. H. Hamilton,.....Dennis, Mississippi.
L. M. Taylor,.....Mann, Mississippi.
W. D. Page,.....Crippledeer, Mississippi.
W. J. Clingan,.....Mingo, Mississippi.
J. A. Conwill,.....Eastman, Mississippi.